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Applicant: Steven K. Hsu et al.

Title: VOLTAGE-LEVEL CONVERTER

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Applicant requests reconsideration of the advisory action mailed on May 5, 2003.

Applicant respectfully submits that the advisory action mailed on May 5, 2003 was improper because a final rejection had not been issued at the time the advisory action was issued. One reason issuance of an advisory action not preceded by a final rejection is improper is because without a final rejection the period for reply to the advisory action cannot be calculated. The advisory action states: "The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later." Without a final rejection, the determination of whether the date set forth in the final rejection is later than the mailing date of the Advisory Action cannot be made.

MPEP 710.06 states: "Where the citation of a reference is incorrect or an Office action contains some other defect and this error is called to the attention of the Office within 1 month of the mail date of the action, the Office will restart the previously set period for reply to run from the date the error is corrected, if requested to do so by applicant." The improper advisory action was mailed on May 5, 2003. Applicant's request for reconsideration was filed on May 21, 2003. Thus, applicant has called this error to the attention of the Office within 1 month of the mail date of the action in error. Therefore, applicant requests withdrawal of the advisory action and issuance of an appropriate office action with the period for reply reset.

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If the Examiner has questions regarding this REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION, applicant asks that the Examiner contact applicant's representative at 612-371-2109.

Respectfully submitted,

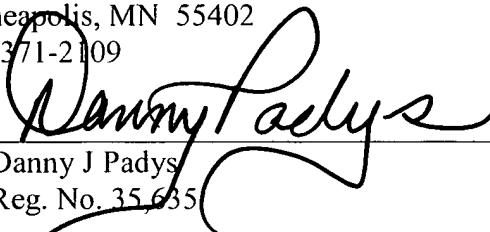
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